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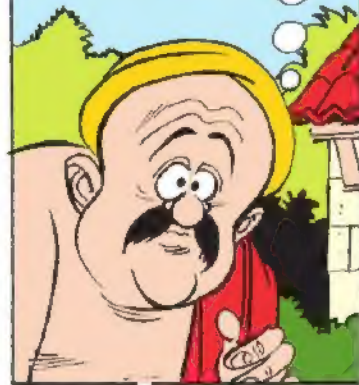
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ILISA, THE GILDMASTER

ILISA, THE GILDMASTER, HAD MORE MONEY THAN HE COULD EVER SPEND, BUT HE WAS TIGHT-FISTED.

I HOPE MY WIFE HAS NOT BOUGHT ANYTHING FOR HERSELF IN MY ABSENCE. SHE IS SO EXTRAVAGANT.

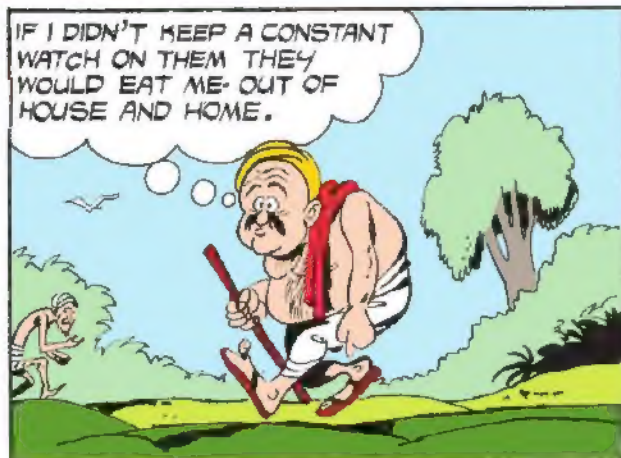
I'VE STAYED OUT LONGER THAN I SHOULD.



AND AS FOR MY WORTHLESS CHILDREN, ALL THEY CAN THINK OF IS EATING.

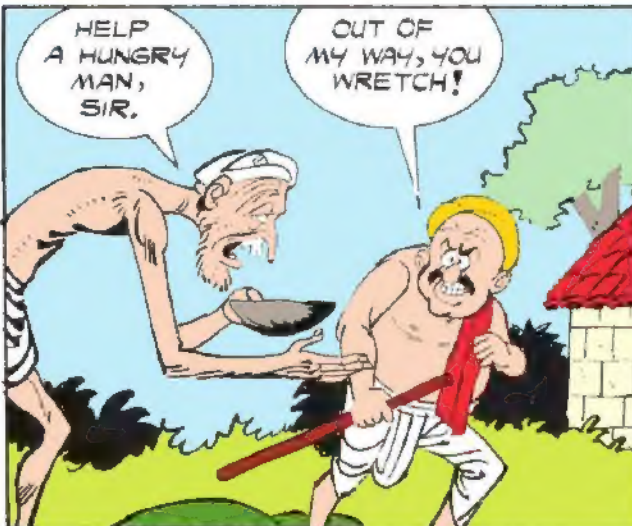


IF I DIDN'T KEEP A CONSTANT WATCH ON THEM THEY WOULD EAT ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.



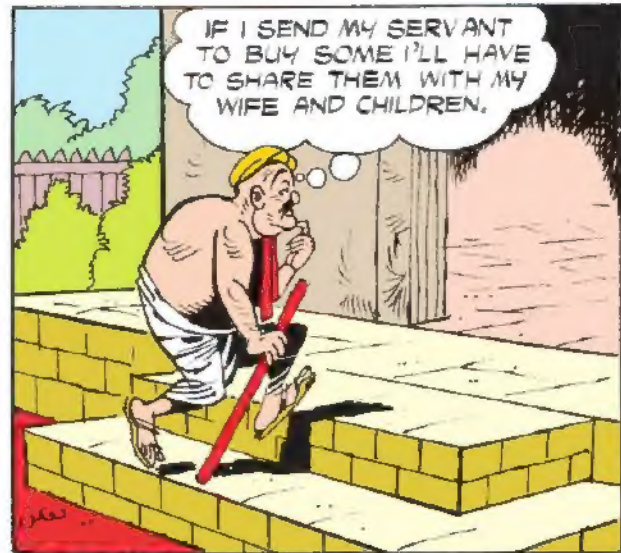
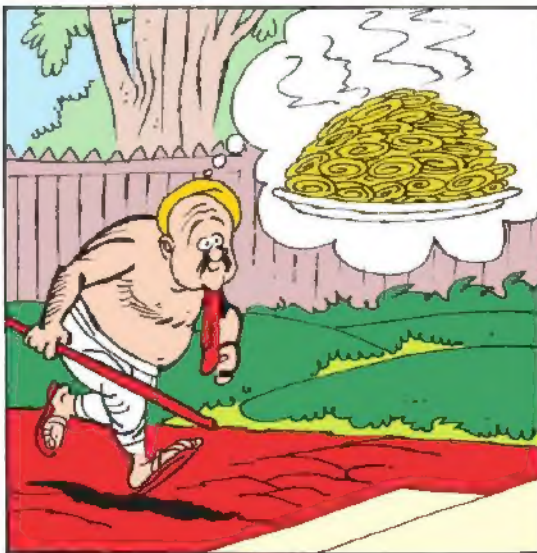
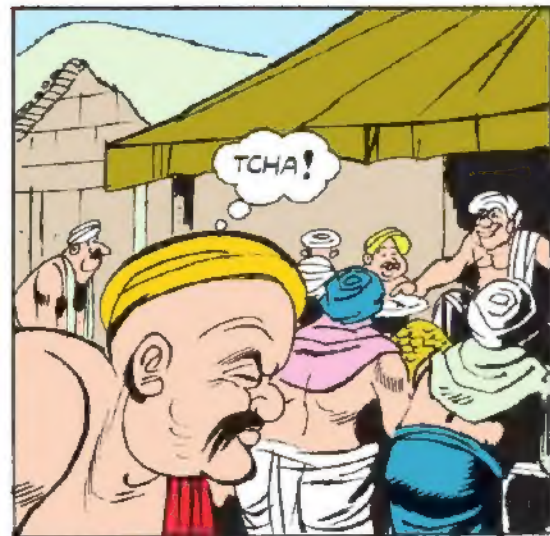
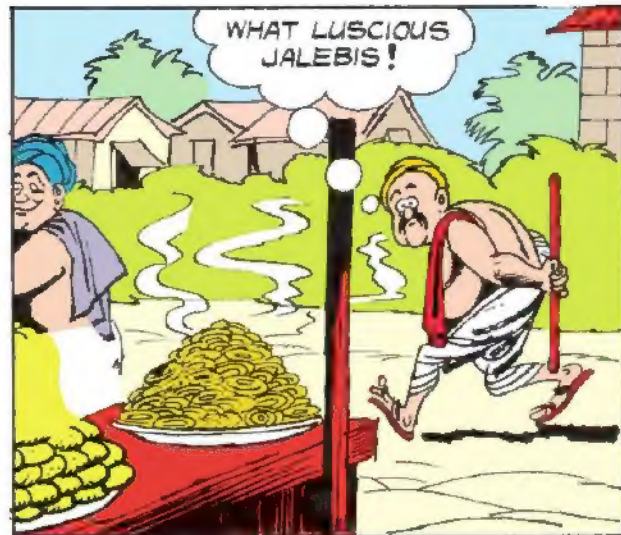
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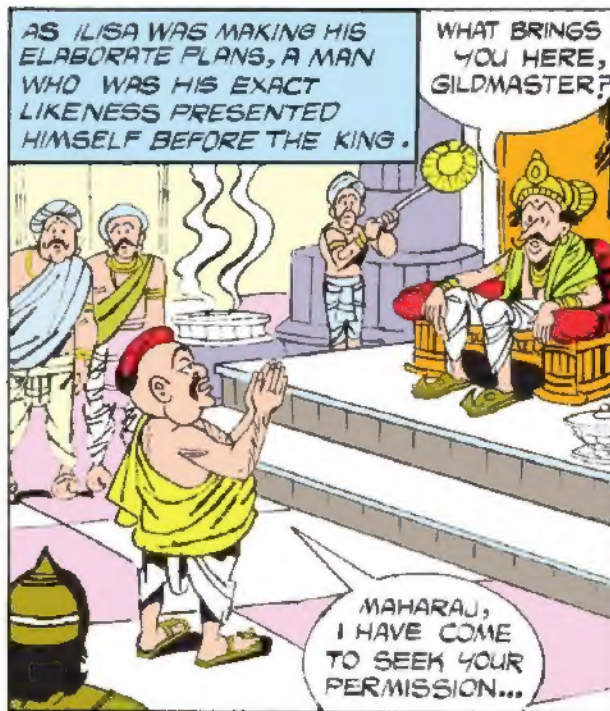
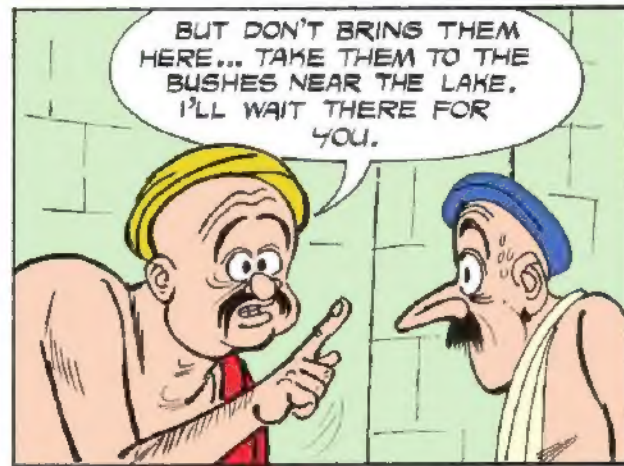
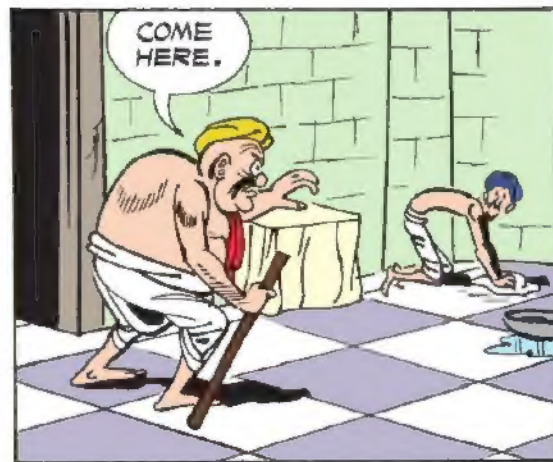
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU WRETCH!

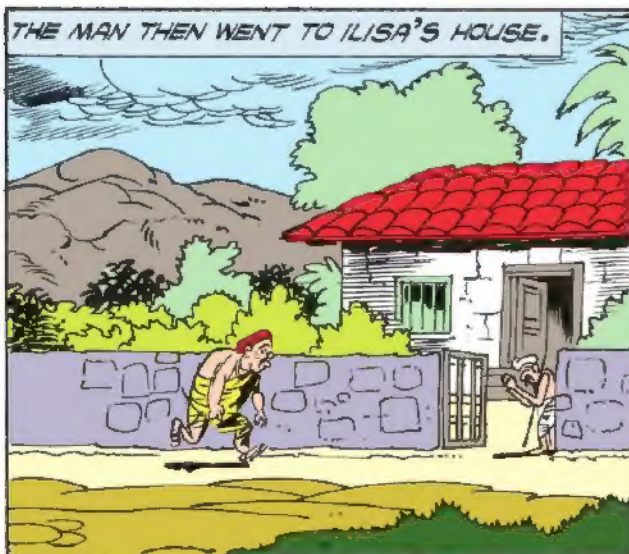
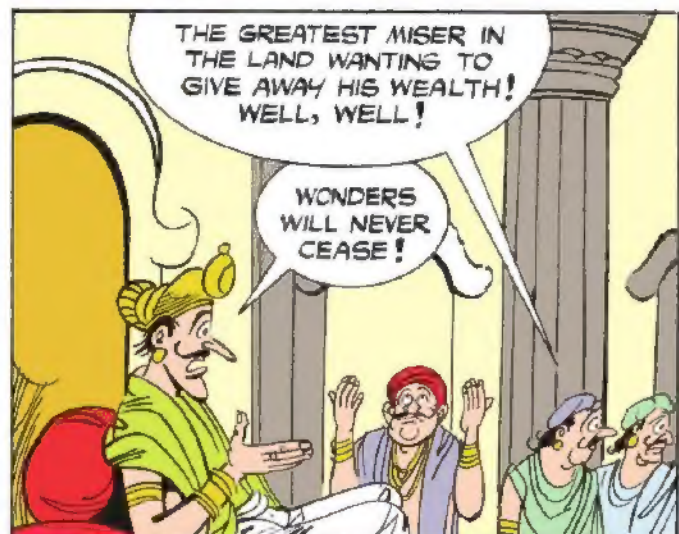
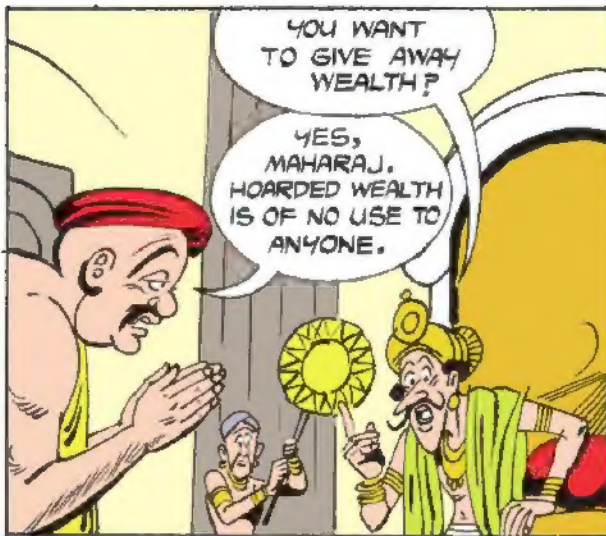


YOU WON'T GET A THING FROM ME!

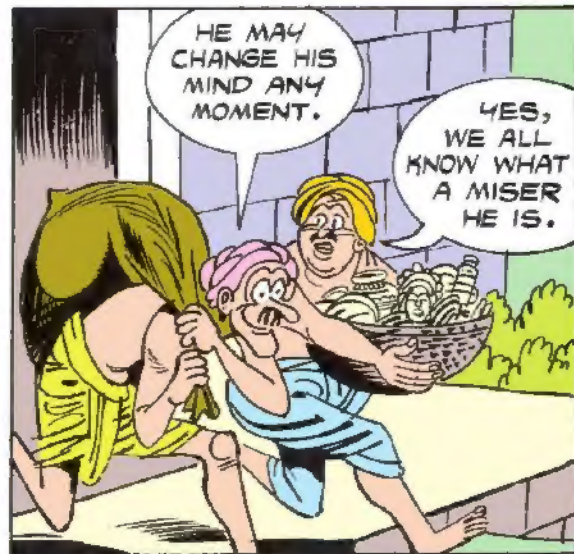
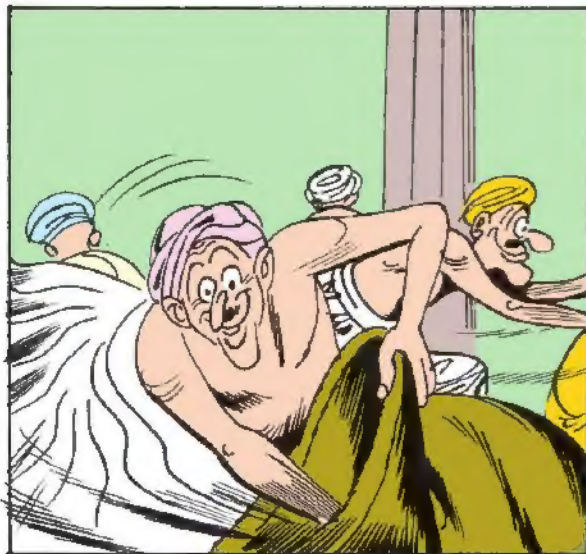
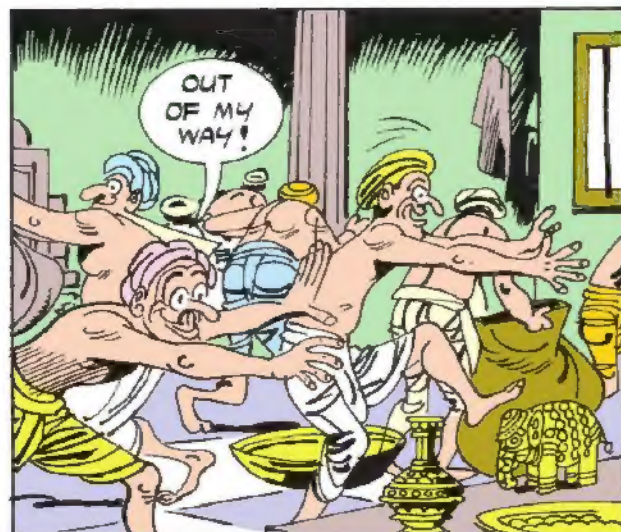




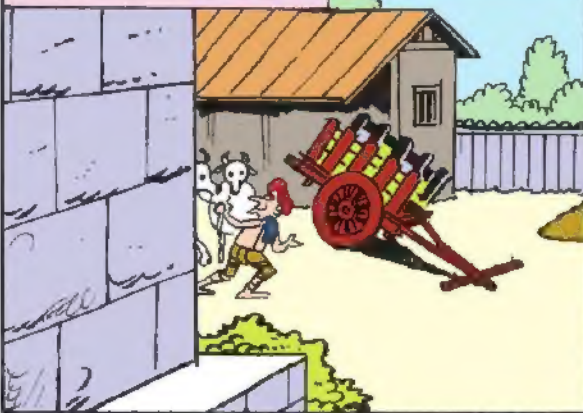




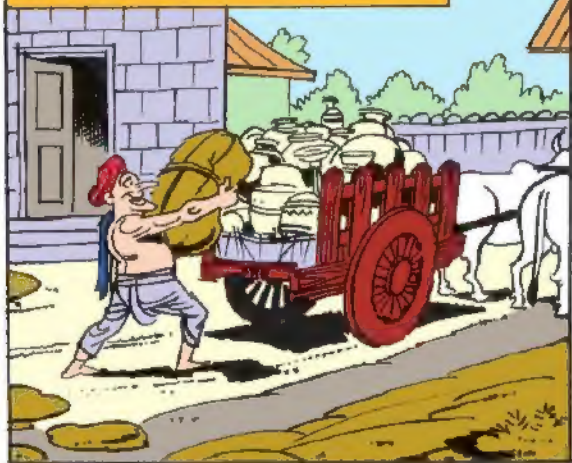




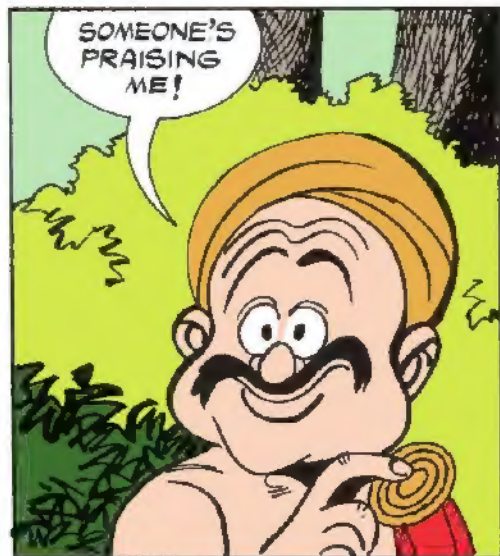
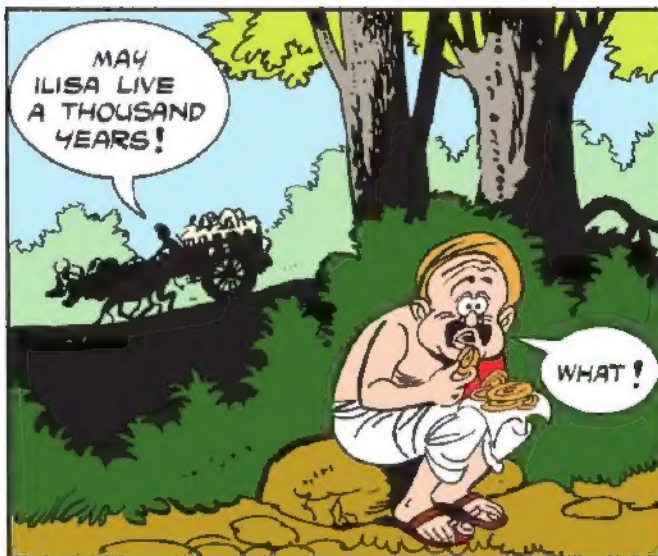
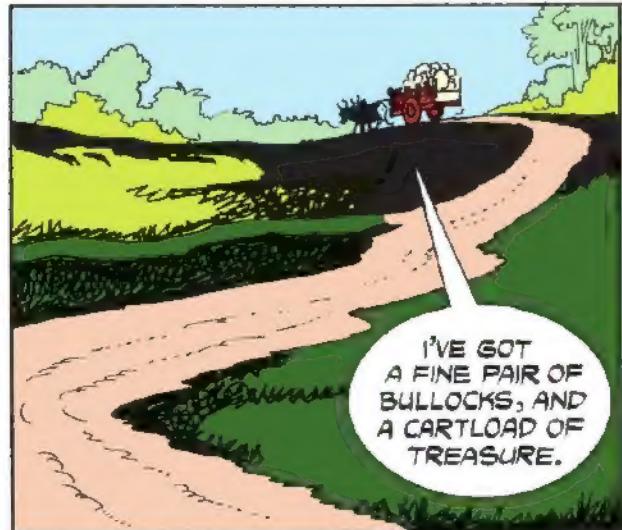
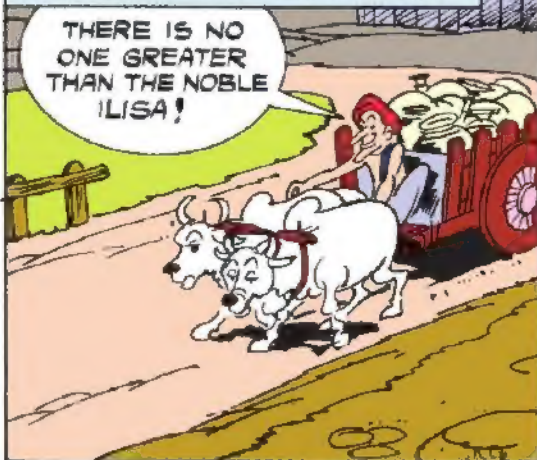
ONE MAN WORKED MORE METHODICALLY THAN THE OTHERS. INSTEAD OF RUSHING INTO THE HOUSE, HE CHOSE A BULLOCK-CART FOR HIMSELF...

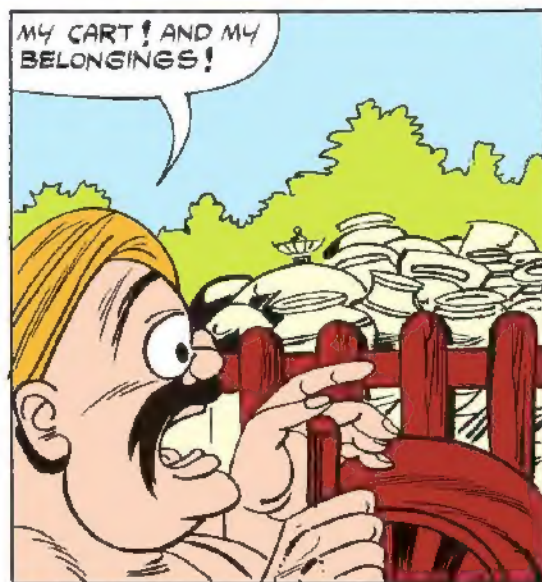
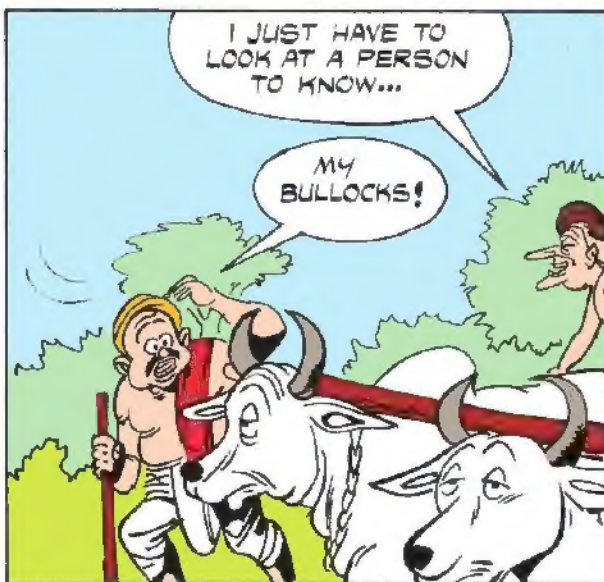
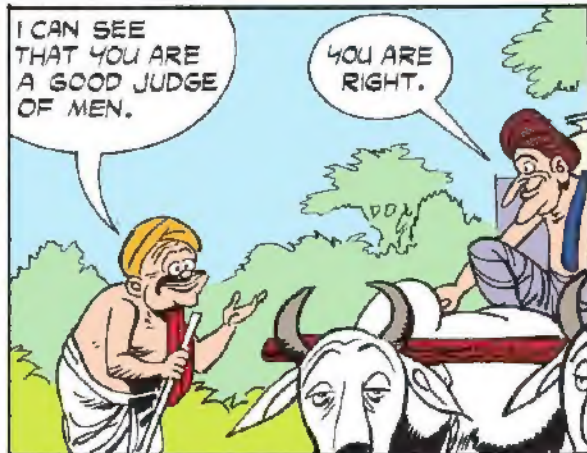
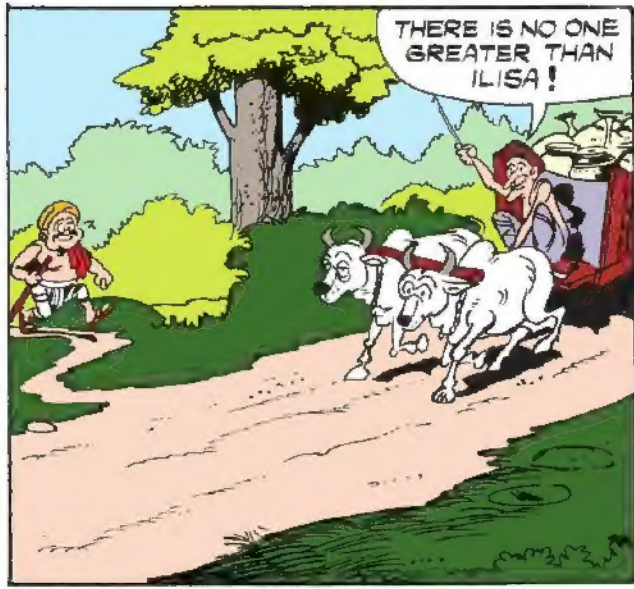


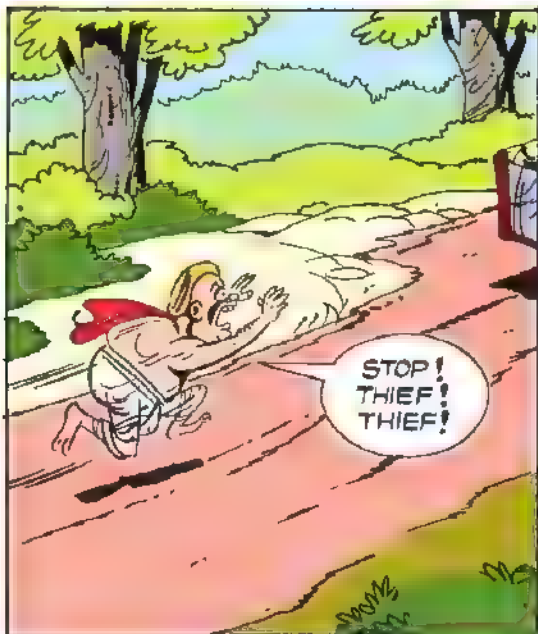
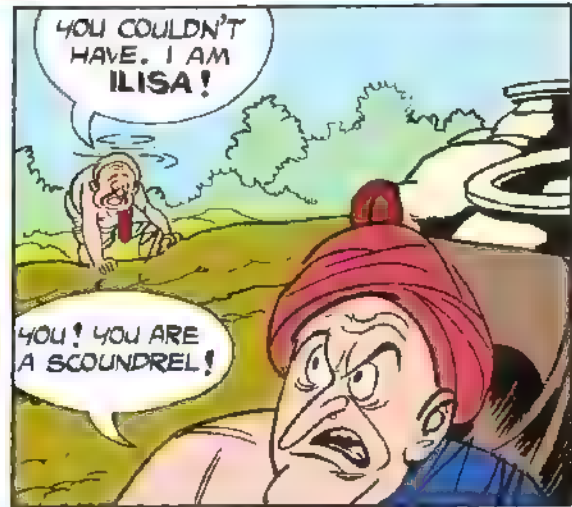
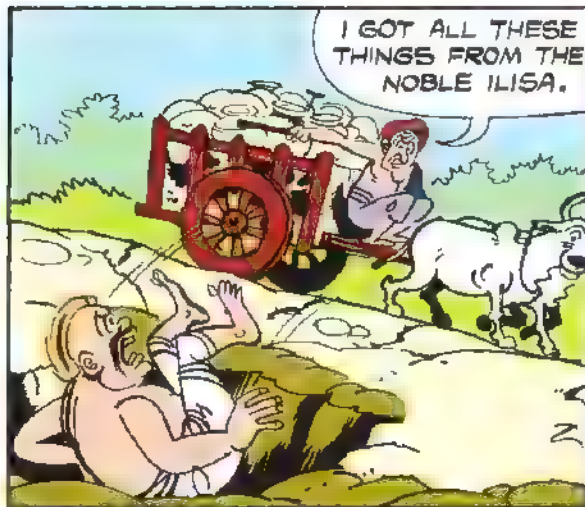
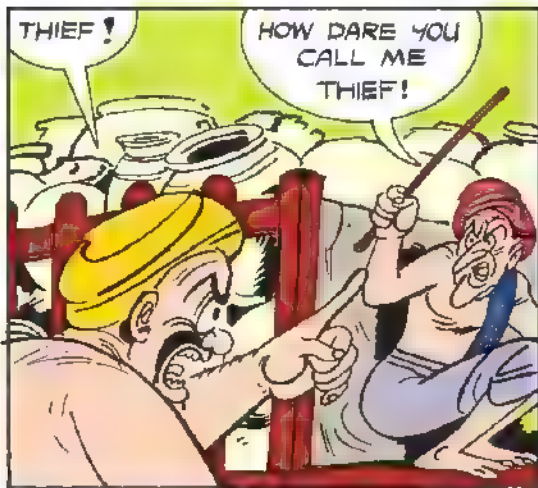
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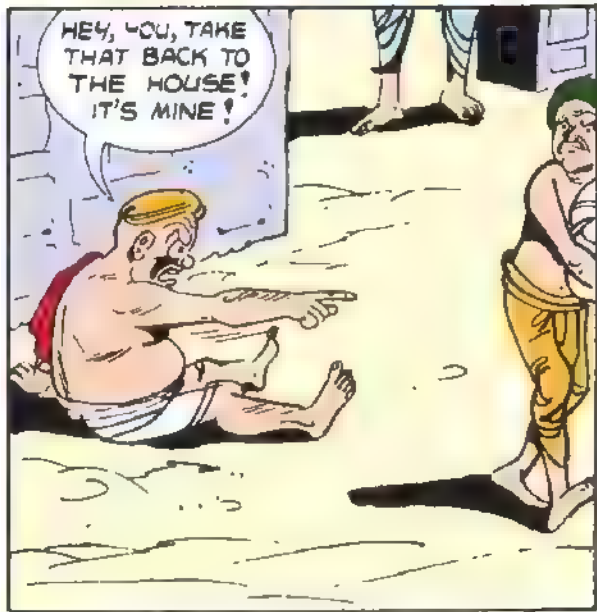
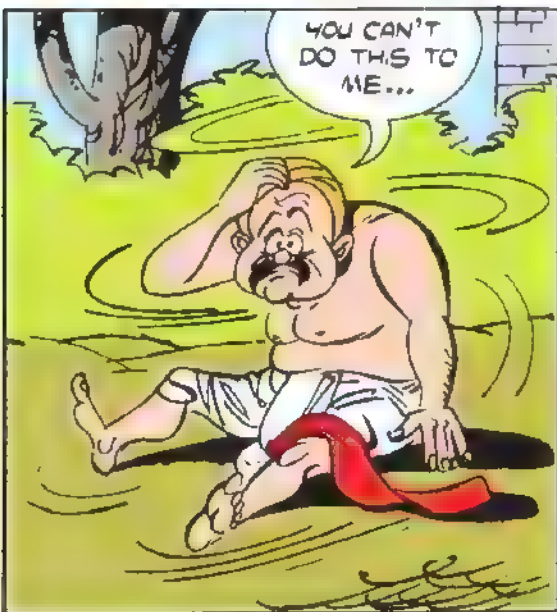
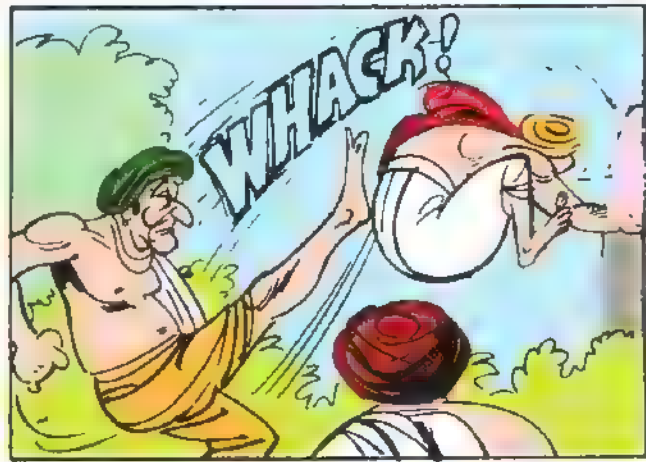
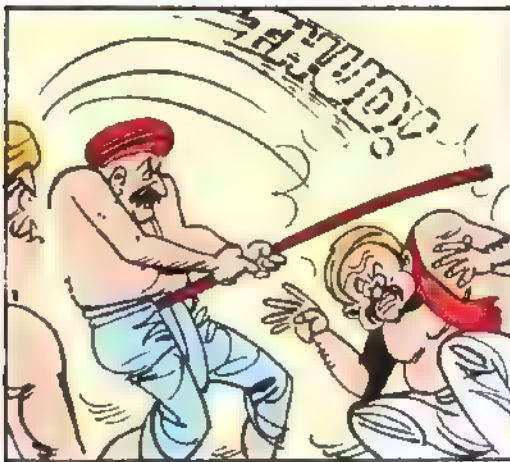
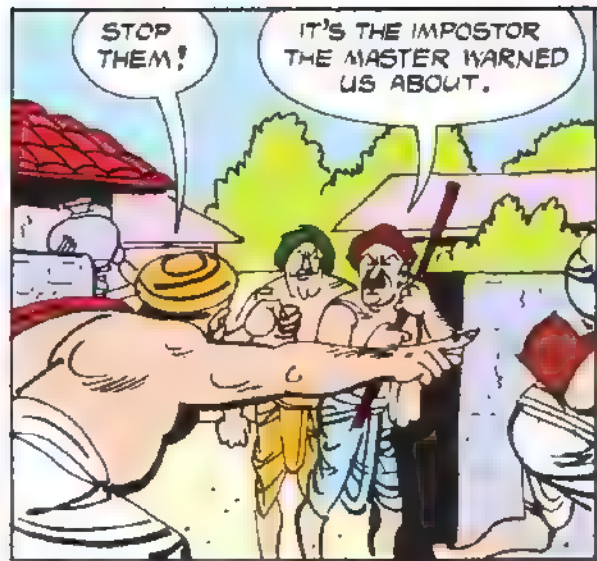
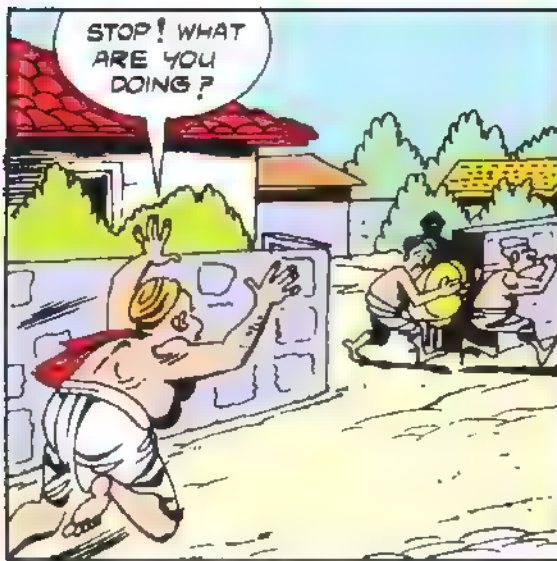


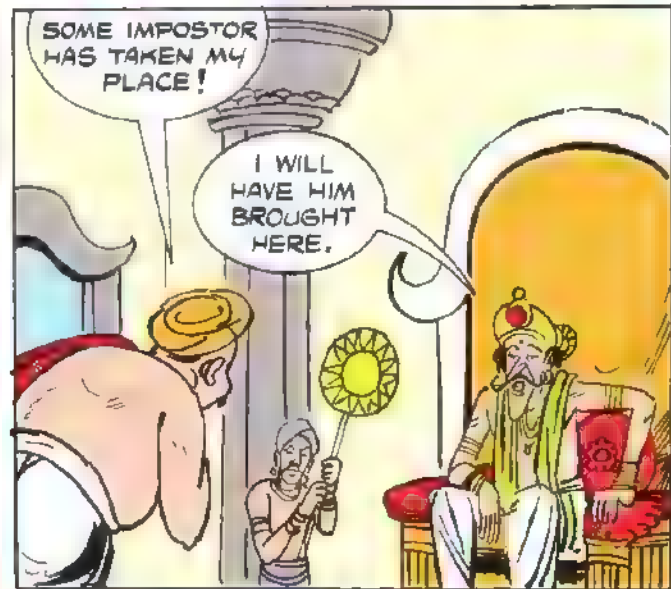
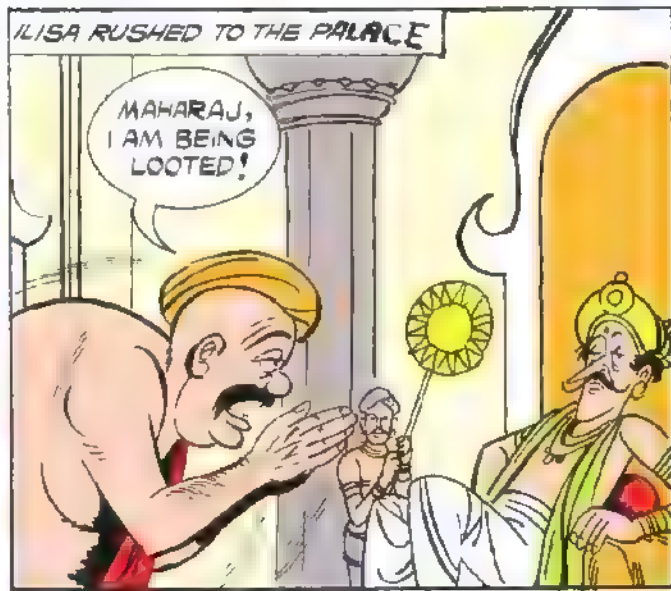
...AND DROVE AWAY SINGING THE PRAISES OF HIS BENEFACTOR.



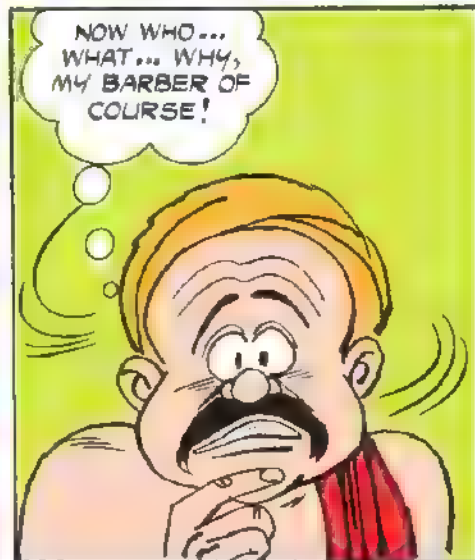
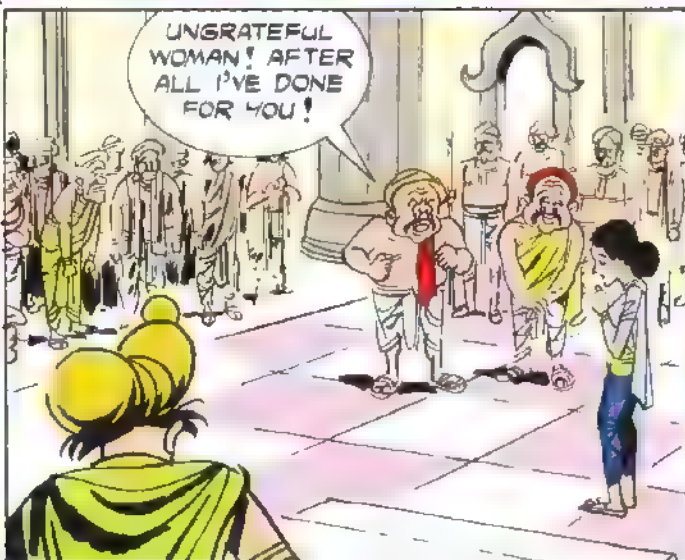
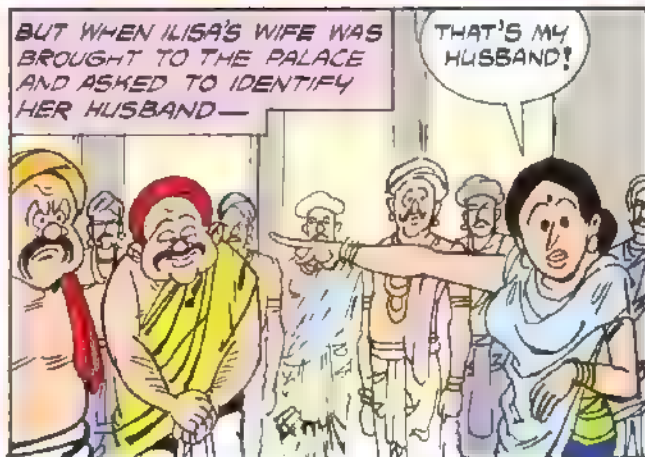
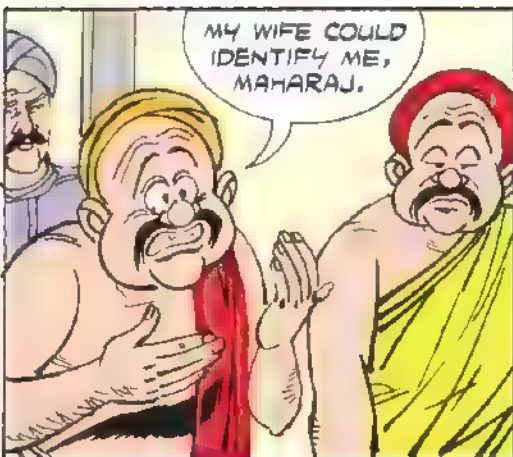
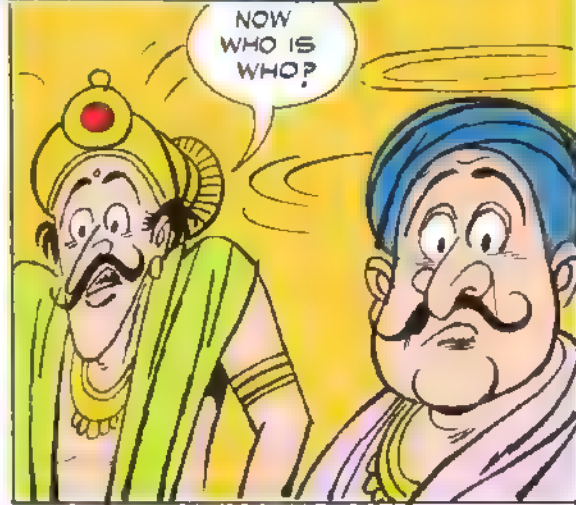
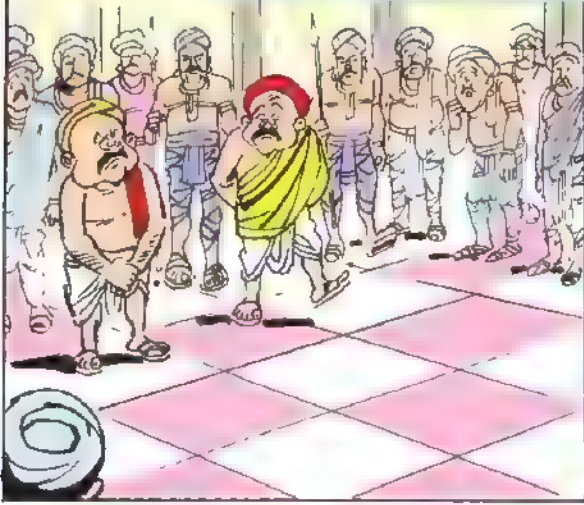


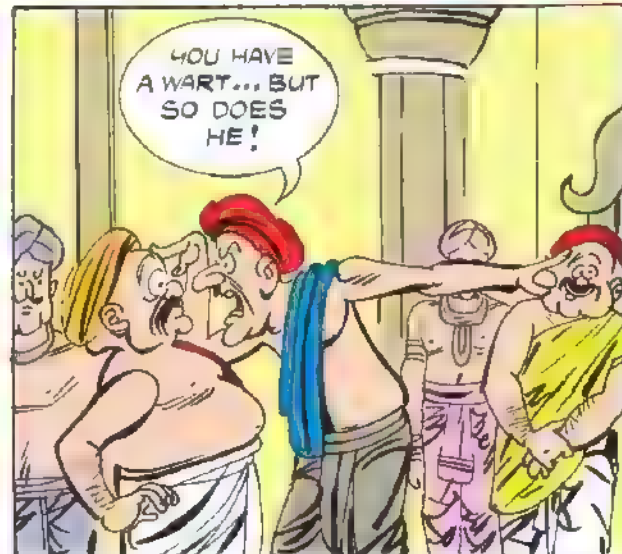
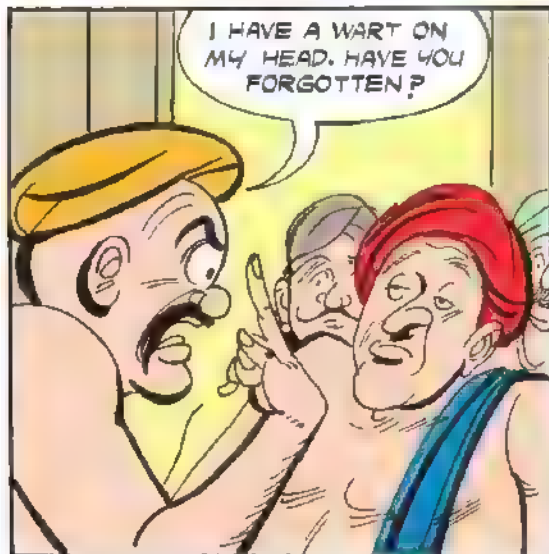
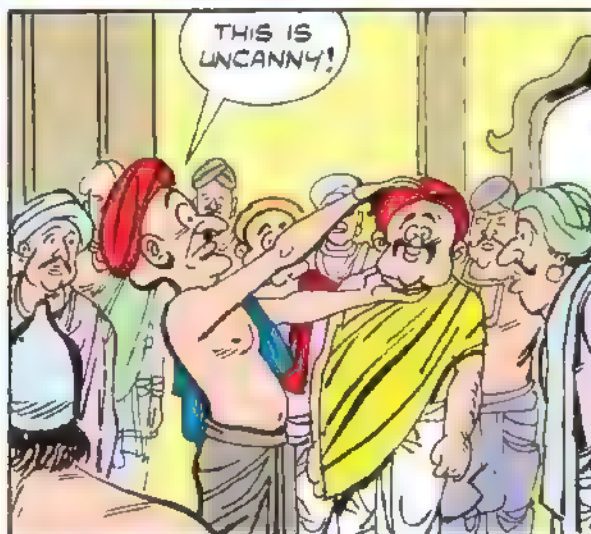
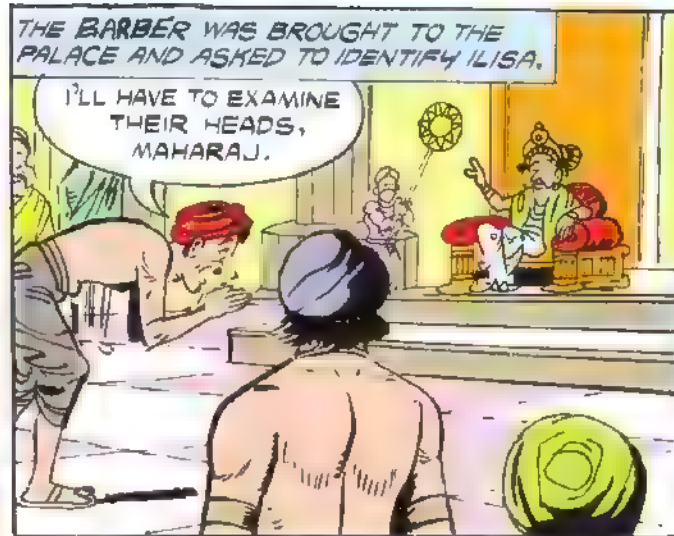


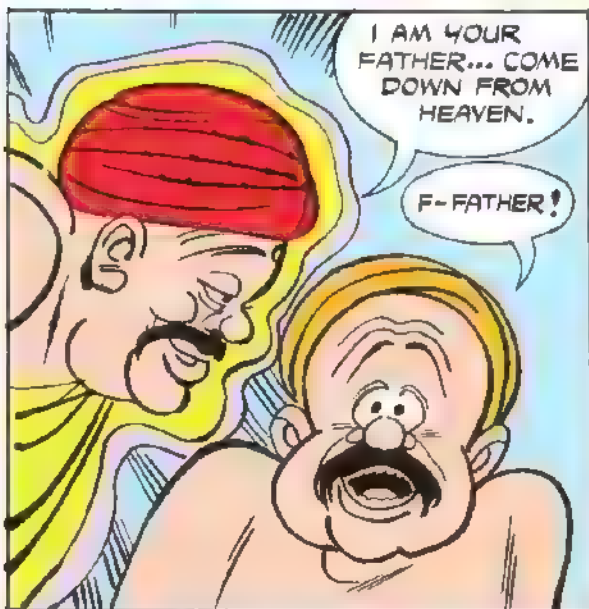
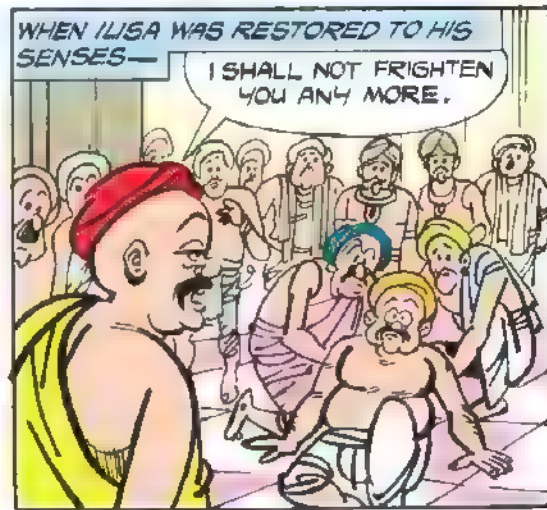
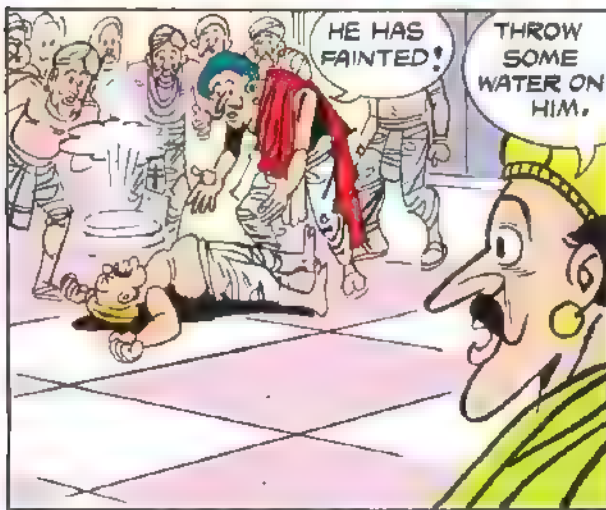
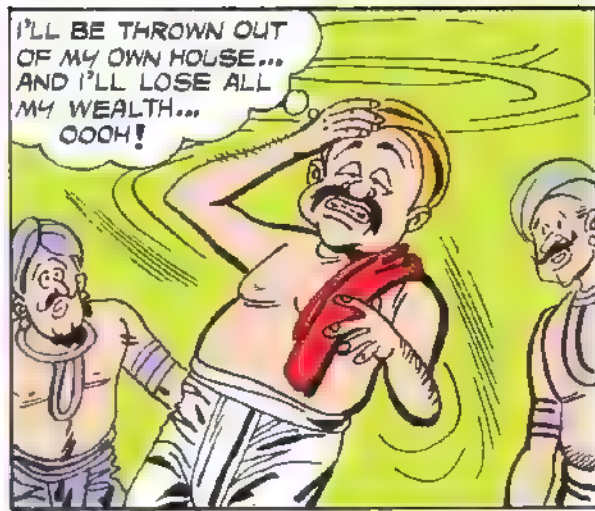
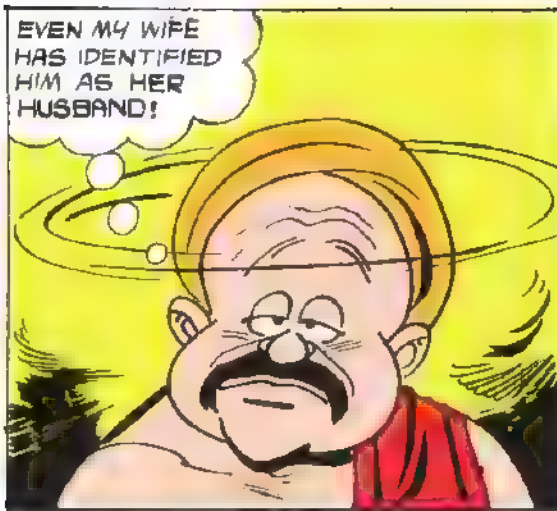


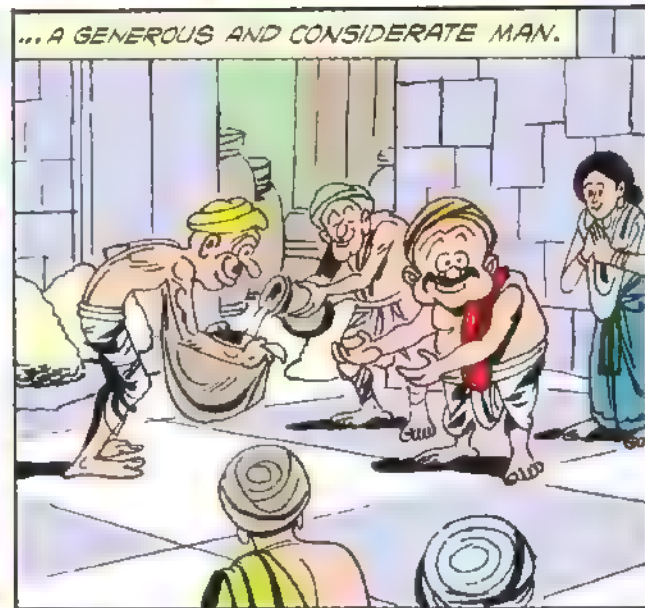
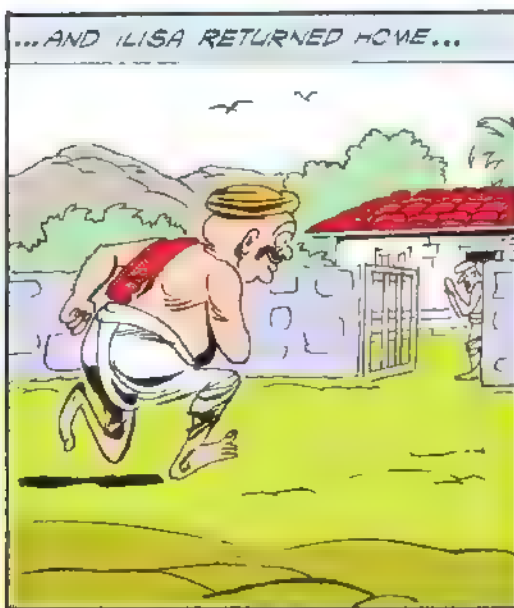
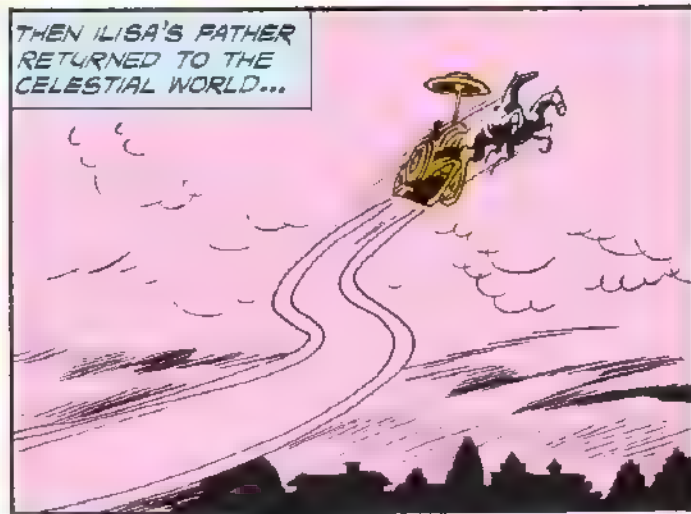
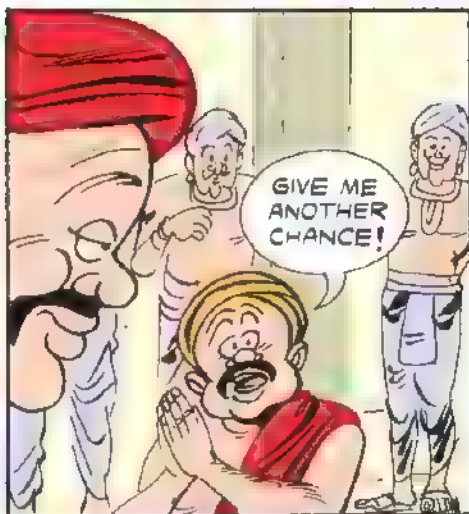
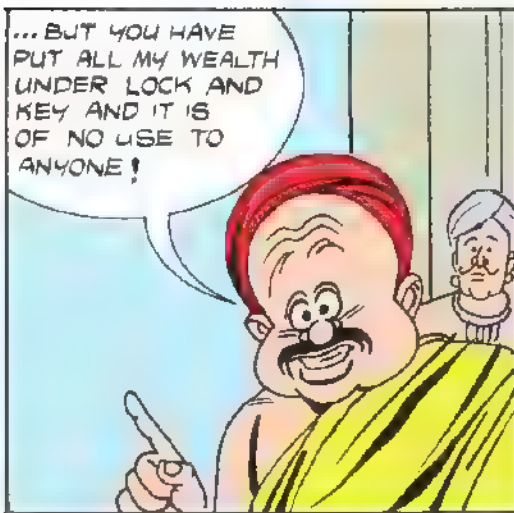


WHEN THE IMPERSONATOR WAS BROUGHT TO THE PALACE, THE KING AND HIS COURTIERS FOUND THEMSELVES GAZING AT TWO MEN WHO LOOKED IDENTICAL IN ALL RESPECTS.



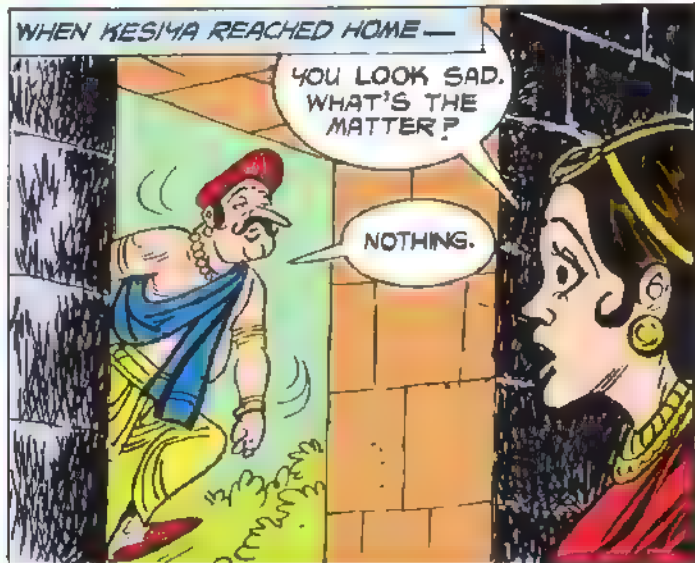
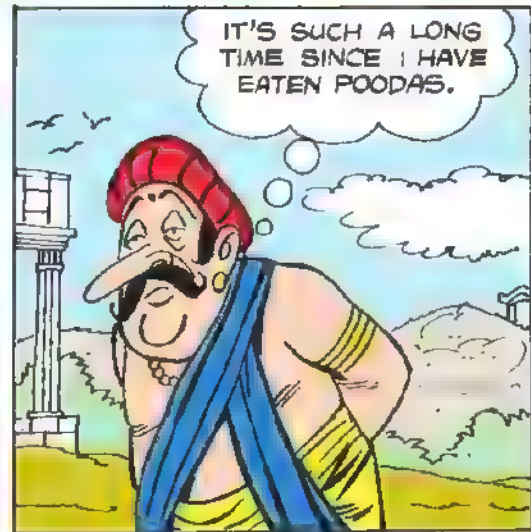
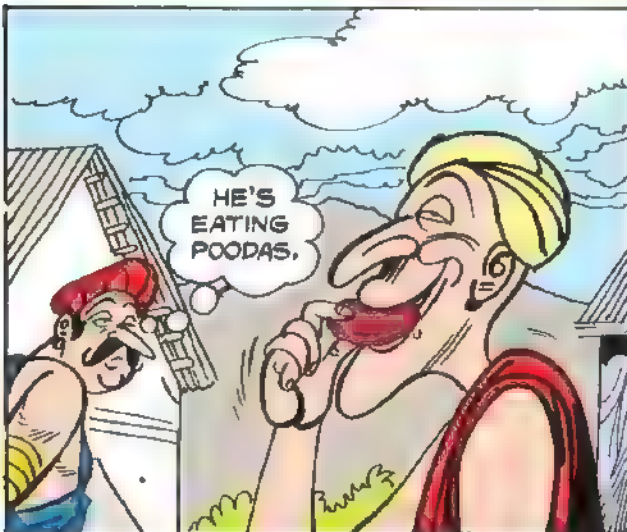
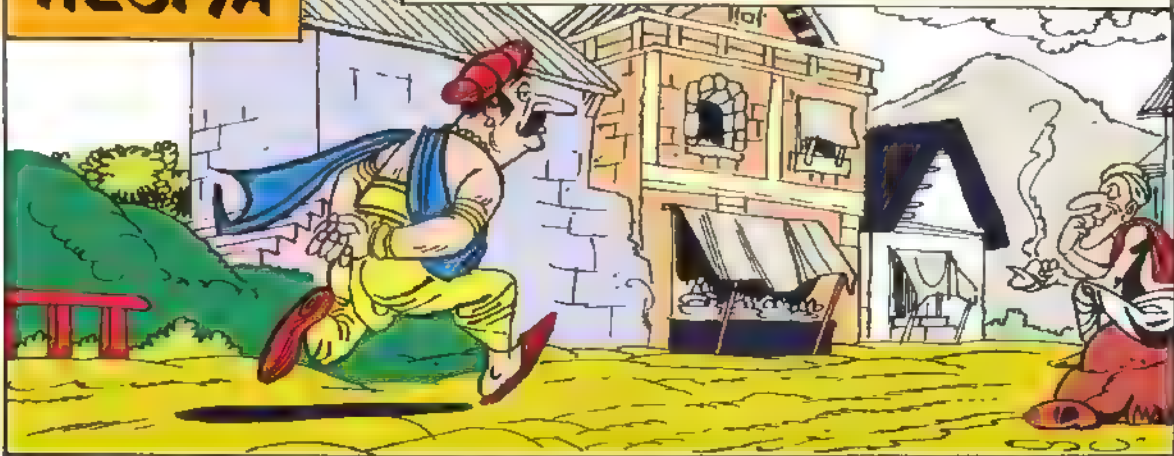


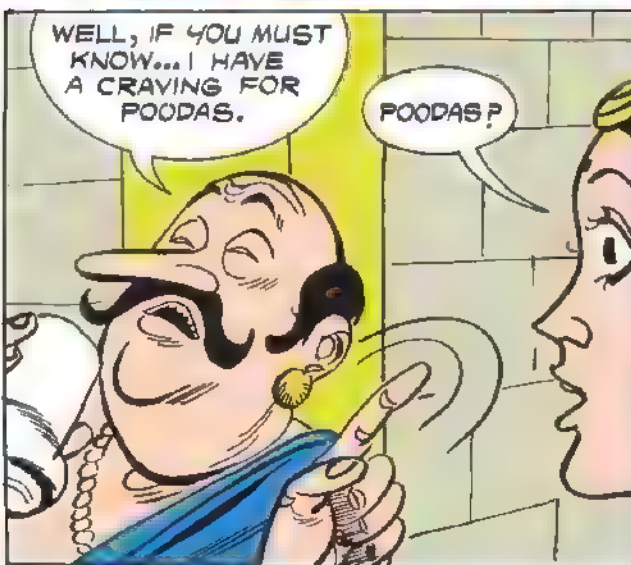
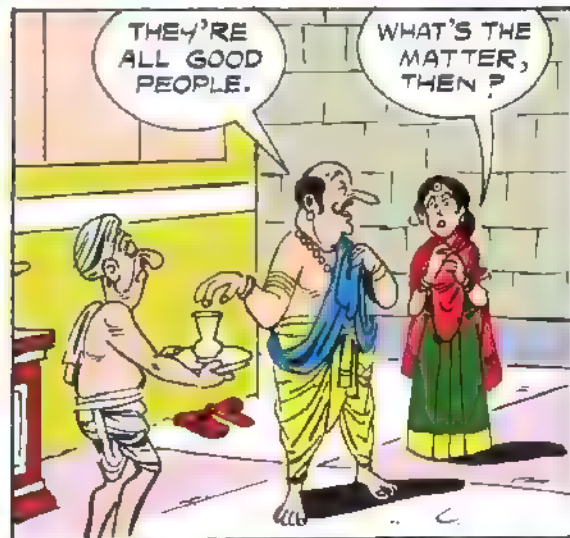
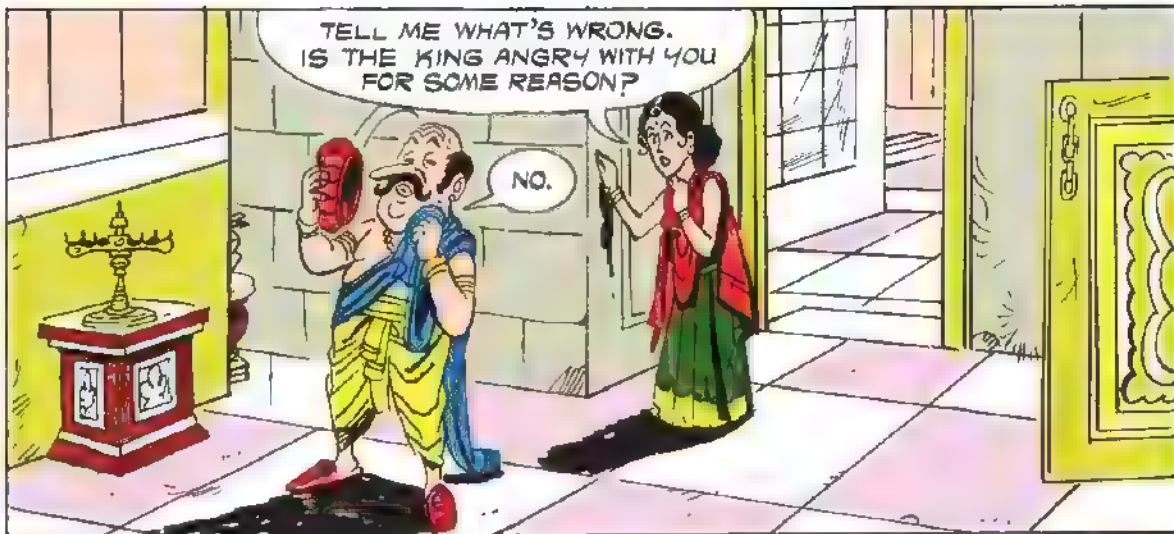


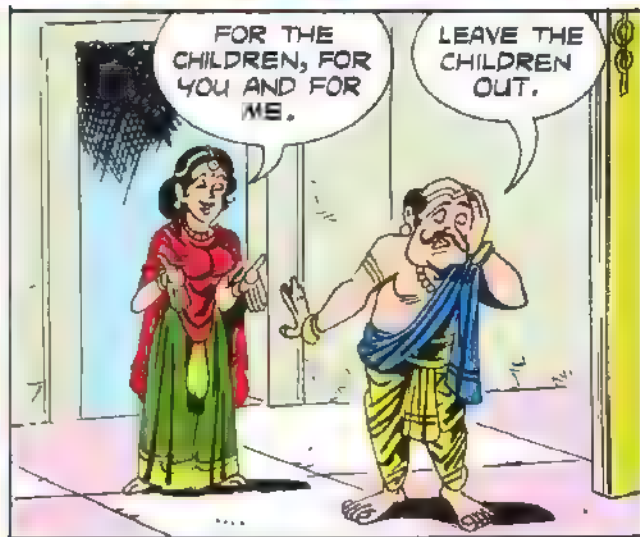
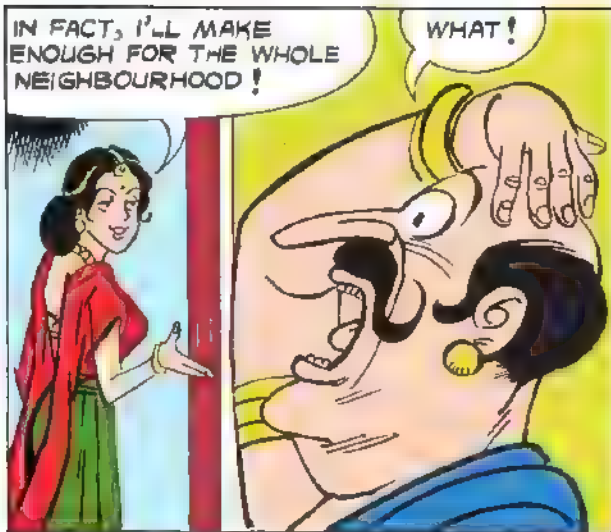


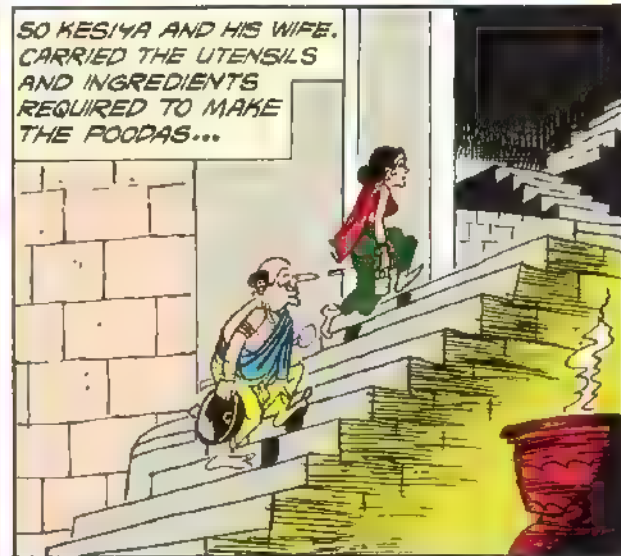
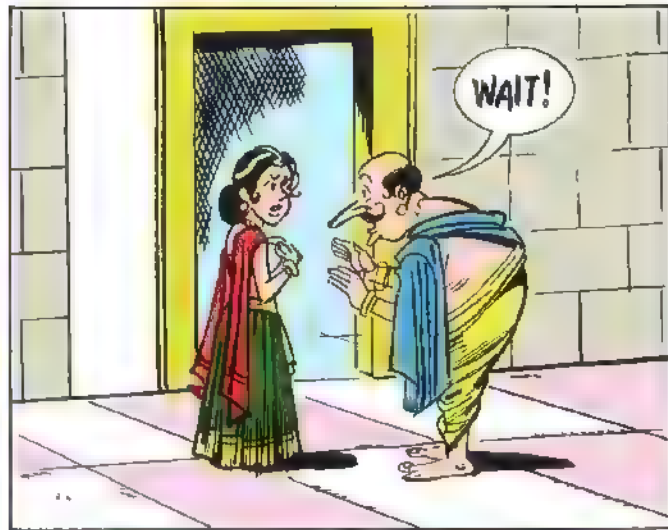
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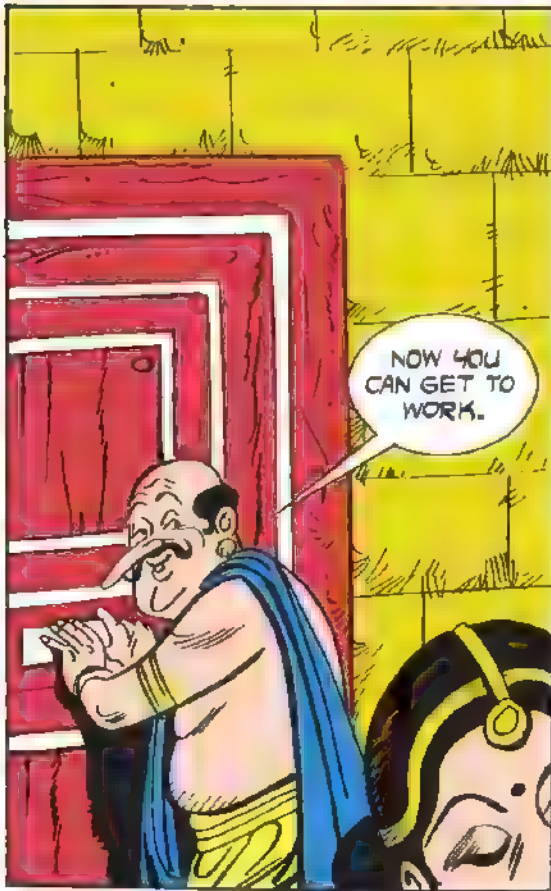
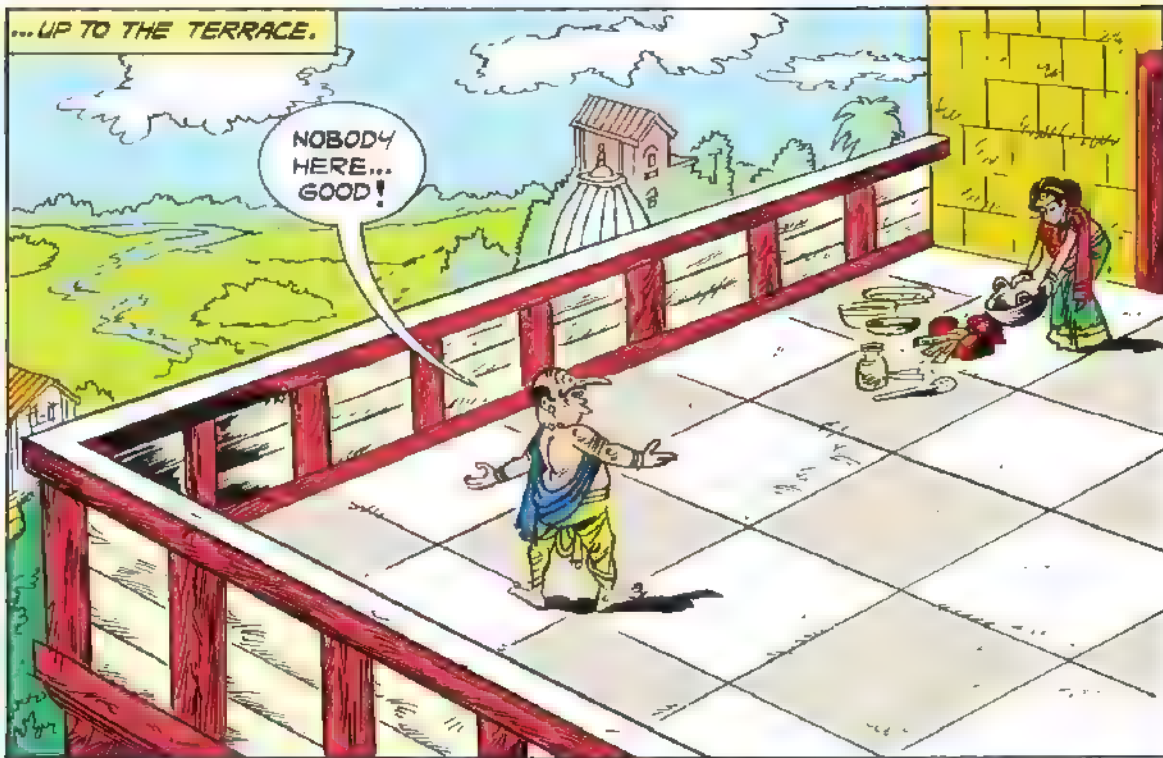
LONG AGO, THERE LIVED A MISER KESIYA. HE WAS THE KING'S TREASURER. ONE DAY AS HE WAS GOING HOME —

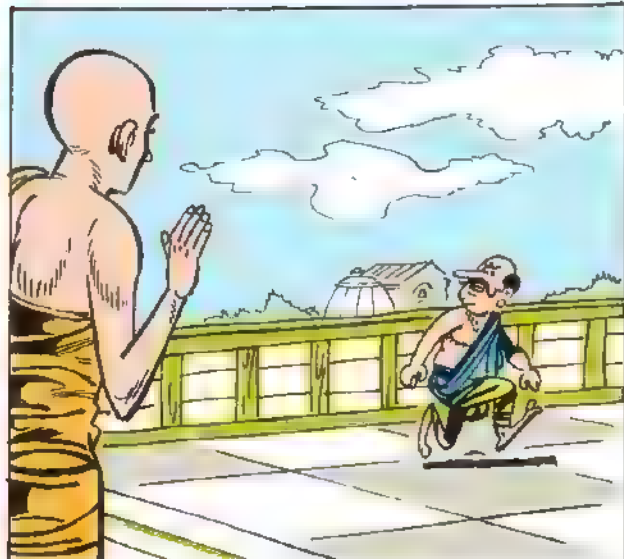
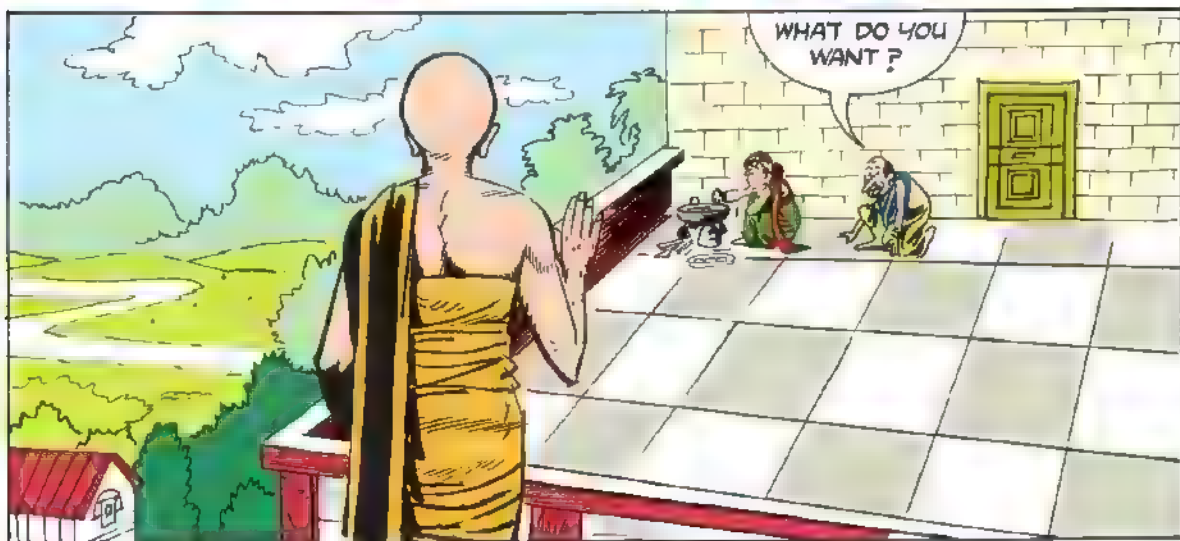
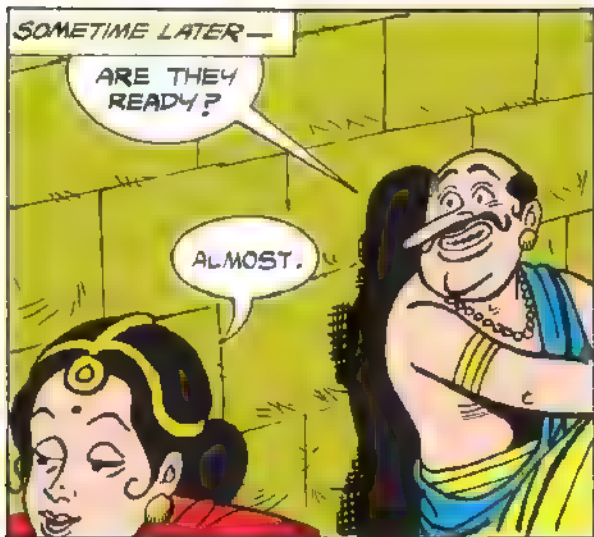


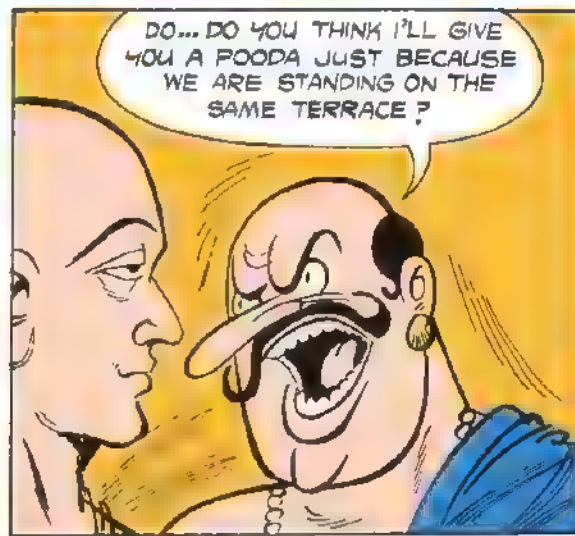
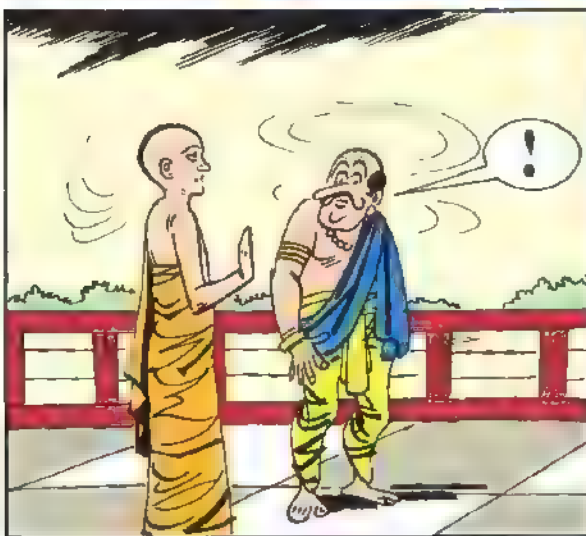
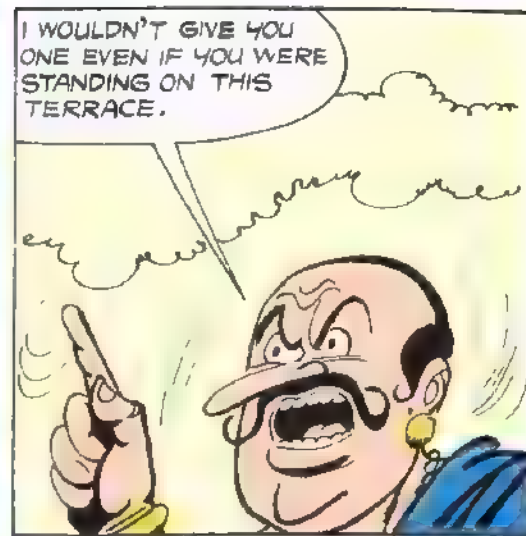
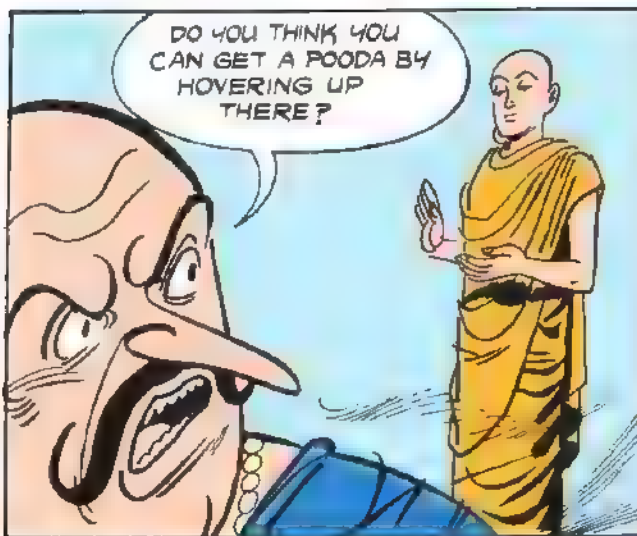


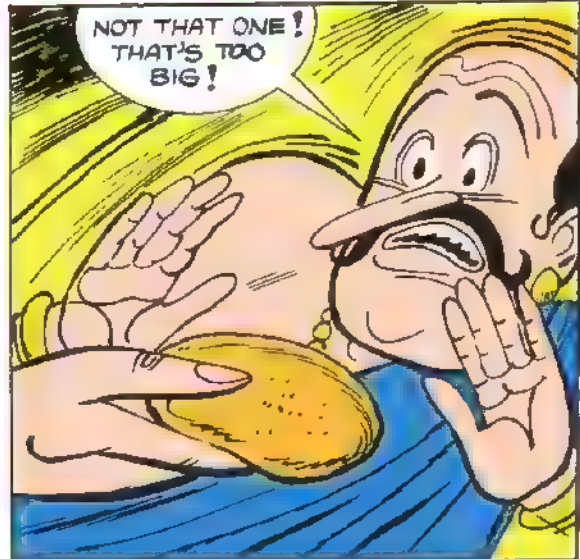
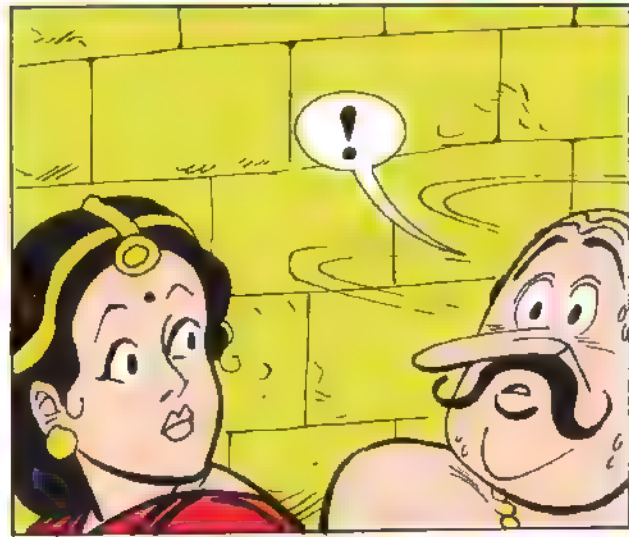
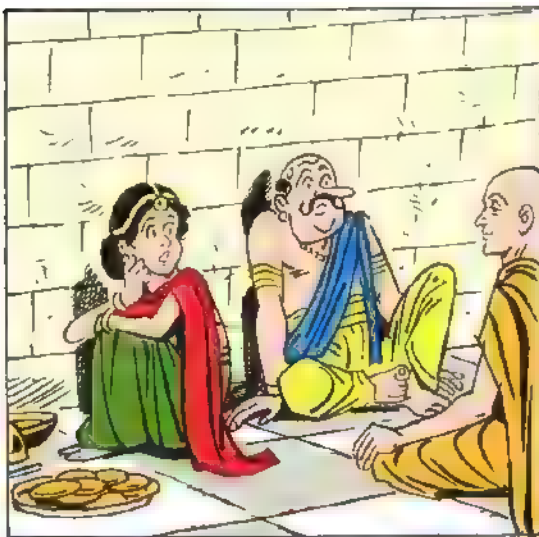
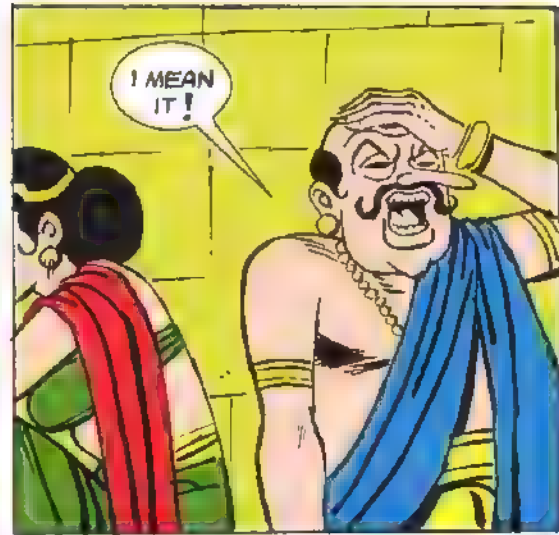
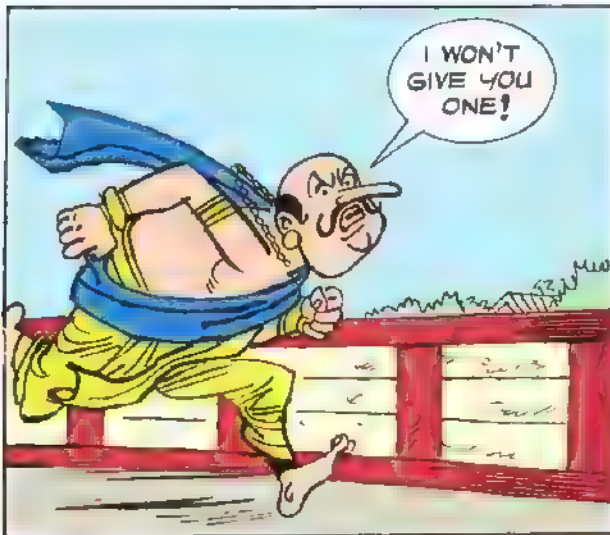


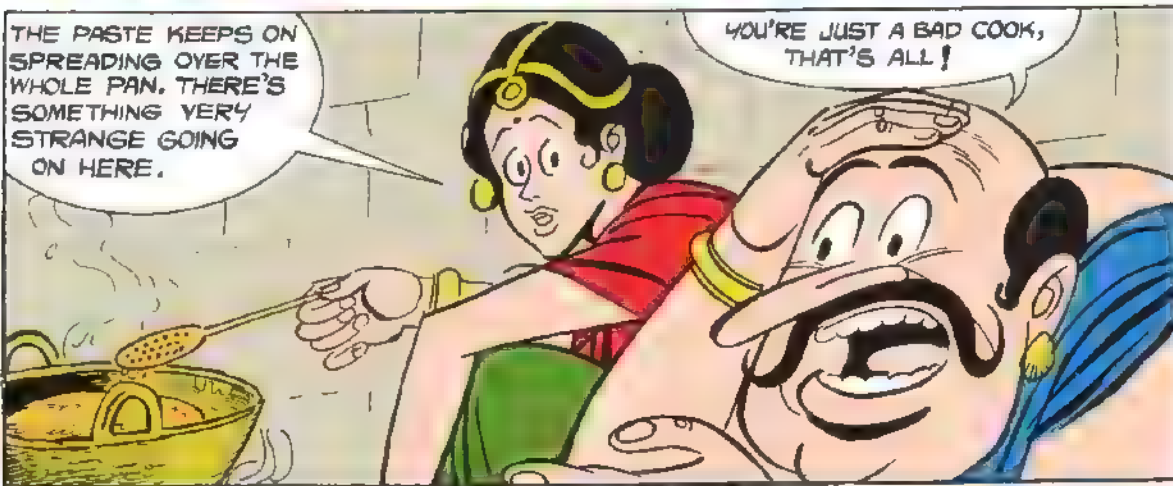
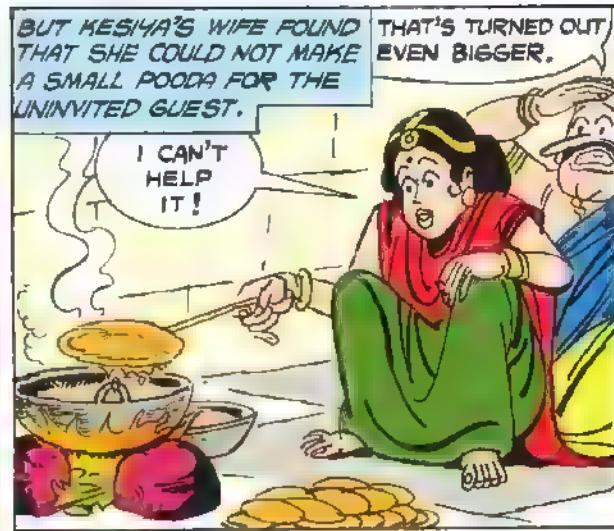


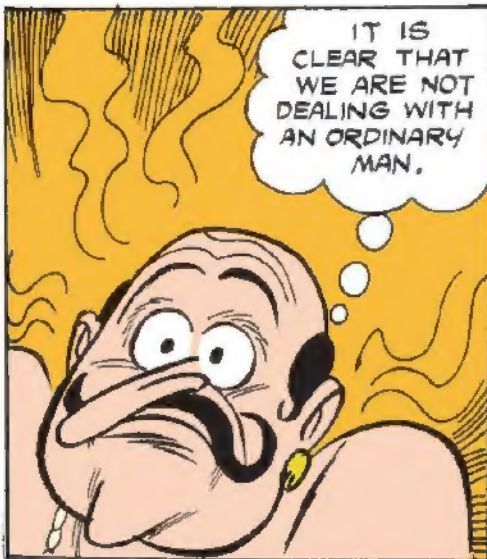
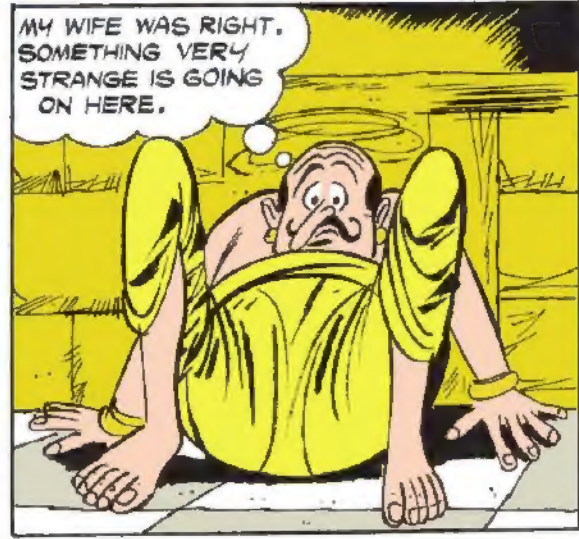
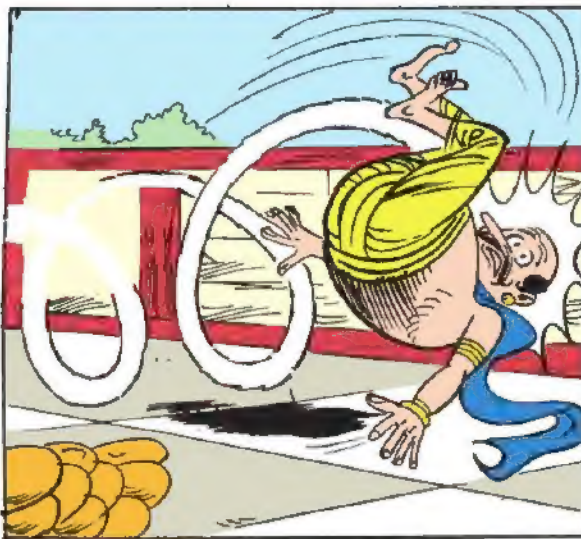
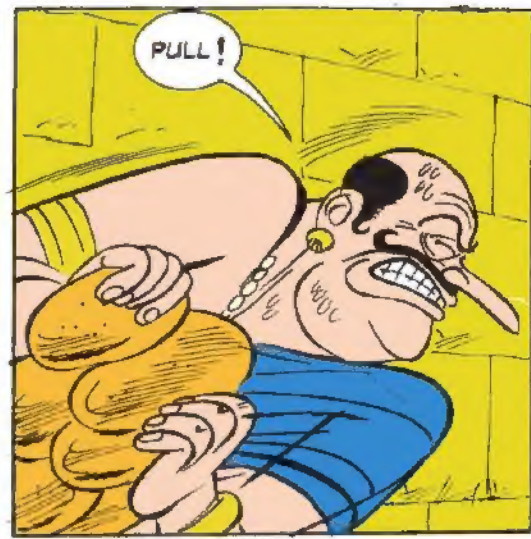
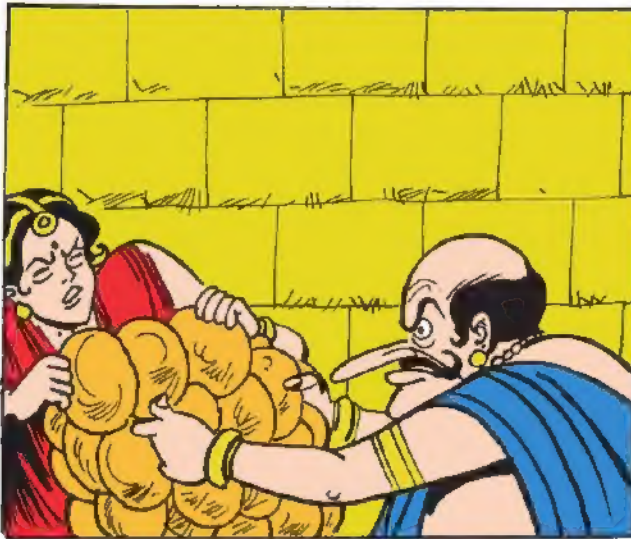


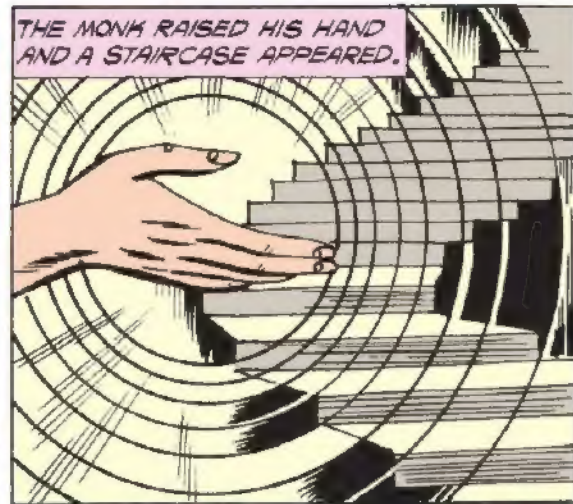
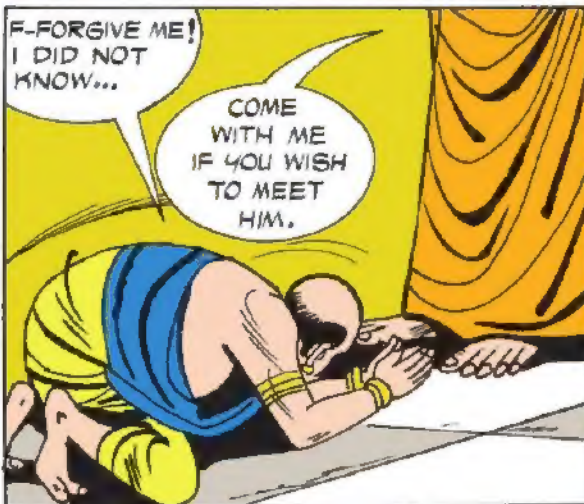
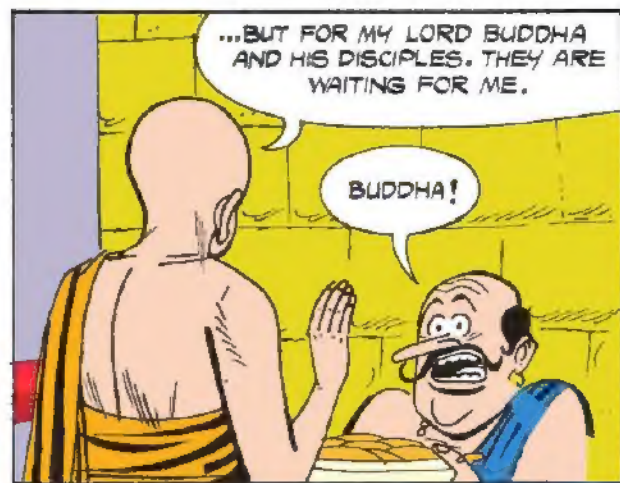












BUDDHA ACCEPTED THE OFFERING OF POODAS AND THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONG HIS MONKS.



KESIYA AND HIS WIFE TOO GOT THEIR SHARE.

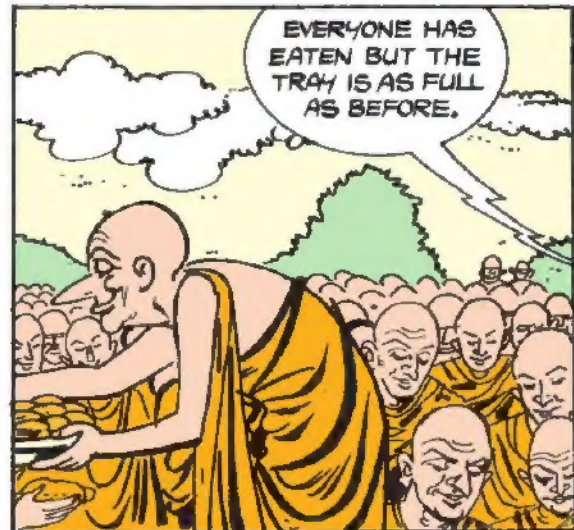


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SHARED MY FOOD WITH STRANGERS.



AND STRANGELY, I FEEL HAPPY...ER, WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?

THE POODAS.



EVERYONE HAS EATEN BUT THE TRAY IS AS FULL AS BEFORE.



NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A WONDER! THIS IS THE GREATEST DAY OF MY LIFE!



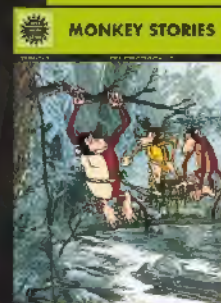
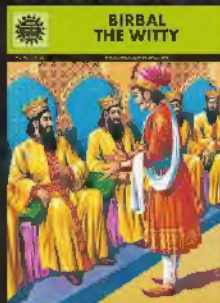
KESIYA RETURNED HOME A CHANGED MAN.

WIFE, TOMORROW YOU WILL MAKE POODAS FOR THE WHOLE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

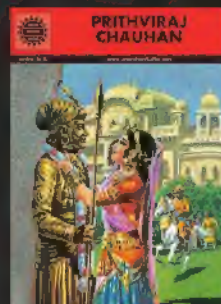
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